

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1292 without my signature.

I share the author's concerns that voters in one county in 2006 submitted absentee ballots before receiving sample ballots with candidate statements. However, I cannot support imposing additional costs on local governments in order to address something not shown to be a widespread problem. As absentee voting grows in popularity, it is crucial for absentee voters to ensure they have received and reviewed the necessary information to make an informed choice. I believe the overwhelming number of absentee voters do this currently, making this bill unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger